

VASSAR INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

Henry Noble MacCracken Takes Office as Climax of Jubilee.

GREAT THROG AT CEREMONIES

Many Sister Colleges Represented and 300 Educators Join in the Exercises.

By EMMA BUGBEE.

Poughkeepsie, Oct. 13.—In the presence of three hundred of the most prominent educators in the country and all the loyal Vassar graduates who could find standing room in the big chapel, Henry Noble MacCracken was installed to-day as president of Vassar College. The ceremonies were the climax of the four days' celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the college.

As President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke College put it: "Most colleges would be content to have either a fiftieth anniversary or a new president, but Vassar never does anything by halves, so she must needs rejoice over both at once."

The Indian summer sun which has shone on the memories of Vassar's past had an equally warm welcome for her future. The campus trees celebrated, too, by putting on their richest crimson and gold, and this, it developed, was a lucky thing, else they would have been put to shame by the gorgeous colors in the academic robes of Vassar's guests. The academic procession was a glittering thing as it wound across the campus, splashed with the purple and crimson of the gowns of learned doctors—the more learned the more crimson.

Family of Presidents.

At the right hand of the son during the exercises sat the white-haired chancellor emeritus of New York University, Henry Mitchell MacCracken, and near by was the third member of this family of college presidents—John Henry MacCracken, president of Lafayette College. Chancellor MacCracken offered the opening prayer.

The ceremony of investing Dr. MacCracken with his new title was performed by William Caldwell Plunkett Rhoades, chairman of the trustees of the college.

"I accept the charge with all the humility and all the hope in the world," said the new president.

In his inaugural address Dr. MacCracken defined the purposes and ideals of the true college as devoted to the cause of scholarship itself.

This was interpreted by the alumnae as a promise that Vassar would not stray into the fields of vocational training or other modern inventions of the educational world, but would continue to follow the quiet path of the arts.

"The business of a college president, I am beginning to find, is to stand between two parties, either of whom he could be perfectly happy were 'neither dear party away,'" the president remarked, in reference to the speakers of the celebration. "On the one side is the true blue conservative and on the other the ultra-radical. Between these two pillars of Jules lies all the kingdom of the world."

Nursery of New Causes.

Vassar, Dr. MacCracken declared, could never be the home of lost causes, the dead languages alone, but the nursery, too, of new causes, and, he continued:

"The question of what the real business of the college may be answered, perhaps, if we accurately study the characteristics of those who have not come in any way under college influence, the great majority of its disciples. The most characteristic feature to me of the self-made man is his positiveness, his absolute self-confidence bred of unconsciousness of a wider experience. College, then, means poise, the consciousness of a world experience, the larger balance in the realization of the life of the race."

The first speaker on the inaugural programme was Dr. John Huston Finley, president of the University of the State of New York, and Commissioner of Education. His subject was "The Mystery of the Mind's Desire." He won the hearts of the Vassar girls by describing the college girls as taken from "the rose of the coming sun against the gray of the dawn."

George Lynn Kittridge, professor of English at Harvard College, lightened the occasion with a performance in polysyllabic humor. His reference to "literary critiques" and "pedantic plumpers" kept the learned doctors chuckling.

"Sometimes I fear we mortals all are donkeys," said Professor Kittridge, "shrying dismally at one another, like poor old hee-haws as the oracles of Andolla, and the shadows of our shifting ears as glimpses of the infinite."

Greetings from Sister Colleges.

Greetings from women's colleges were brought to Vassar by President Woolley of Mount Holyoke and Dean Virginia C. Condon, older sister, of Barnard. President Holden brought congratulations from Yale.

After the exercises the new president walked out into the sunshine through a lane of jubilant alumnae, waving rose colored flags and applauding so enthusiastically that he was kept busy hushing his thanks to right and left. Behind him walked the retiring president, James Monroe Taylor, who received a hearty round of applause from the loyal graduates. The parade was marshalled by Professor John Leffert Moore.

The afternoon saw a repetition of the Pageant of Athena for the pleasure of the college guests, and in the evening there were many official dinners. Thomas Scott Osborne and Commissioner Katherine K. Davis were among the speakers at the administrative dinner in the Students' Building.

French Cables Reopened.

The French Cable Company, on whose

lines a temporary interruption of traffic was reported on Tuesday, announced yesterday that the entire system was again working normally.



DEBATE TO TEST SUFFRAGE POWER

Vote Question Discussion by League for Political Education.

A joint discussion of the question "Ought Suffrage to Win?" will be held by the League for Political Education in Carnegie Hall, on Saturday, October 30, at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held with special reference to the elections the following Tuesday in New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Six ten-minute speeches will be made. Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, president of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association; Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict, vice-president of the Woman's Peace Party, and Mrs. William Vanamee, of Newburgh, suffrage leader of Orange County, will speak for suffrage. Against suffrage, Miss Alice Hill Chittenden, president of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage; Miss Minnie Bronson, general secretary of the national association, and Miss Lucy Price, formerly secretary of the Ohio Anti-Suffrage League, will speak.

"The meeting will give the material woman suffrage men up to mind intelligently," said an officer of the league yesterday. "There is no excuse for being on the fence. And after hearing both sides discussed there is no excuse for the intelligent woman who says she cannot make up her mind."

The League for Political Education was founded in 1894, "to increase practical interest in public affairs, in civic institutions and in government by means of a broad and sympathetic study of the same." The league has always been non-partisan, having had both suffrage and anti-suffrage leaders on its rolls.

GIRL WHO KILLED HER FATHER FREED

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there. Then I swept the kitchen and dusted. Then I washed all the windows and set the table for dinner. After dinner I washed the dishes again and went out to take down the clothes mamma had been washin'."

When she returned to the kitchen at 5 o'clock her father was there quarreling with another.

"He spoke to him," his daughter said, "and he hit me on the head. It didn't hurt much, but I went in the front room. I hated to hear him quarrel with mamma. Then I opened a drawer to the chiffonier, and I saw the revolver.

"Then I Pulled the Trigger."

It was a weapon that her father had often used to threaten his family. "I'll shoot you if you don't mind me," he would tell them when in a drunken rage, and, frightened, they would obey him. It was to frighten him, Eva explained vaguely, that she picked up the pistol. It had stood for terror in her mind. Probably she thought that with it she could subdue him.

"I went back to the kitchen," she went on, simply. "And I said to him: 'I'm goin' out now or I'll shoot you,' and I just pointed the thing at him. But he wouldn't let go."

For a moment she paused and drew a long breath.

"I didn't know it was loaded. Papa had tried to shoot it off lots of times, but it wouldn't work. And then I pulled the trigger and papa didn't say anything."

For a moment at the conclusion of her testimony she stood close by the broad, kindly figure of Judge Decker, who took a flashlight photograph was taken.

The face of the magnesium powder made her jump a little. Then the little white clad figure turned and left the room.

Father was the testimony of the dead man's wife, a broad, motherly woman, dressed entirely in pitifully cheap but very deep mourning down to a black bordered handkerchief, which she pressed against her lips as though to stop the sobs which wracked her. Her face, which once must have been pretty, was thin with weeping. Her throat still bore marks of a grip that death alone broke. Time and again it seemed that she would collapse. Her voice wavered and tears rolled down her cheeks. After she had told of the shooting she gave way completely.

Wife in Hysteria.

"When he drank beer," she faltered, "I could do anything with him. When he drank whiskey, though, he was terrible."

He had come home early that afternoon, and for a time remained in the yard, playing with the two younger children, George and Frances. His wife saw him make numerous trips to the cellar and knew that he had a bottle hidden there. She found it the day after the killing. Presently he came into the house.

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She screamed shrilly, and could not be calmed for just minutes.

"What can you just said is going to please 99 per cent of the people in Croton," Judge Decker told Coroner Forshey after he had pronounced the verdict.

SUFFRAGISTS TO RECALL PIONEER DAYS.

HILLIS LIBEL CHARGES FILED

Complaint Against Plymouth Pastor Ends Reconciliation Talk.

STORY OF PAYING DEBTS IS DENIED

Articles in Two Newspapers Are Cited as Basis of Suit for \$50,000 Damages.

Complaint in the \$50,000 libel suit brought against Dr. Hillis by his nephew, Percy D. Hillis, of British Columbia, was filed yesterday in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, by William A. Moore, of 215 Montague Street, attorney for the plaintiff. The suit is based on interviews alleged to have been given to "The Oregonian," of Portland, Ore., and to "The Brooklyn Eagle" by Dr. Hillis, in which he represented that he was paying off debts of his nephew, who had failed in extensive logging business, and that he was using every cent that he could raise on the lecture platform to settle claims against young Hillis.

The newspaper articles purporting to have come from Dr. Hillis and ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton, of Washington, counsel for Dr. Hillis, appeared in Brooklyn on July 14 and in Portland, Ore., the following day. The headlines which tell the story of the alleged libel are cited in the complaint as "wholly false" and intended to hold Percy D. Hillis "up to the contempt of the world." "The Eagle's" headlines were as follows:

Hillis Assumes Lumber Company's Debts.

"Brooklyn Pastor at Oregon Conference Agrees to Pay Nephew's Obligations."

"Three Claims Total \$12,000."

"Nephew's Failure in Lumber Business Felt Keenly by Minister Who Was a Stockholder."

Those appearing in "The Oregonian" were:

"Pastor's Sacrifice Revealed by Suit."

"Dr. Hillis Meets Last Notes of \$100,000 Debt Taken to Help Out Negro."

"Timber Company Fails."

"Lecture Platform, Sermons and Writings Earn Money to Meet Obligation Voluntarily Assumed and Sacrifice Lasts Years."

The complaint cites that the alleged meeting of creditors against the P. D. Hillis Logging Camp, or against the plaintiff was a myth, but it states, in truth and fact, the defendant Dr. Hillis was on an absence from Chicago in 1895, and is the hope of the managers of Saturday night's meeting that at least one of the twenty-four men who cast their votes for the first woman who ran for Congress may put in an appearance.

Among those who will speak are Walter Herrick, Ralph Folks, Mark Eisner, Commissioner Katharine B. Davis and Mrs. Nora Blatch de Forest, granddaughter of Mrs. Stanton.

MAN IN SYNAGOGUE CHIMNEY

Police Pull Him Out, Then Arrest Him for Disorderly Conduct.

A patrolman, a sexton and a truck driver yesterday pulled David Harlow, of 217 East Burnside Avenue, from a chimney in the Tremont Temple, a Jewish synagogue, at 2040 Grand Concourse, The Bronx. He was covered with soot and grime and was rescued by a 40-foot rope dropped from the roof of the building.

An automobile told Patrolman Finnegan that he had seen a man climb into the chimney as he was passing the synagogue. Harlow was taken to the Bathgate Avenue station, charged with attempted burglary, but in the West Farms court Magistrate Levy changed the charge to disorderly conduct.

"Dynamite" in Aditavit

Ferguson Files To-day

Frank L. Ferguson, business manager of Dr. Hillis for five years, yesterday appeared by counsel before Justice Maddox in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn and obtained an order compelling Dr. Hillis to appear before Ferguson for examination preliminary to drafting of a civil damage suit against Ferguson by Dr. Hillis should not be vacated. Justice Maddox granted the motion, and the order is returnable to-day before Justice Kelly, of the Supreme Court, for arguments. This acts as a stay on the order for Ferguson's examination, which was to have begun to-day before Referee William D. Dickey.

I am not seeking to evade examination," said Mr. Ferguson last evening. "There are legal reasons behind this action which are difficult to understand. I simply say that I shall have an affidavit ready to file with the court tomorrow which will explain everything. When that document is read some people will understand that it contains dynamite."

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